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PREFATORY REMARKS.

THE necessity for some form of literature that will serve to answer handily and expeditiously, yet truthfully, concisely and accurately, the many inquiries received from all parts of the country for information relative to Del Norte County has prompted the issuance of this pamphlet. In compiling the matter contained therein I would say that the utmost care has been taken to guard against misstatement of fact and exaggeration, and to confine myself to the plain story of what Del Norte has to offer to the investor, homeseeker and tourist, pursuant to the expressed wish of those citizens whose accumulating letters of inquiry from abroad impelled me to act. These citizens, as myself, are aware that the county is not the MOST beautiful and favored spot in all the world, and they have neither inclination nor desire to spread such an impression; but they do believe, and would impress upon the minds of interrogators the fact that we have a county rich in its natural but



little developed resources—a county of rare scenic attraction, with abundant rainfall and a mild and equable climate. One capable, in fact, of sustaining several times its present population with the subdividing of holdings, the introduction of developing capital and adequate market reaching facilities.

With the purpose, therefore, as before stated, of disseminating truthful information concerning Del Norte County and of furnishing a ready means of replying to the fast increasing missives of inquiry, I set my efforts to the preparation of this booklet. As well does it contain many illustrations pertinent to the structure and activities of the county and photos of some persons conspicuously identified therewith; also the advertisements of a number of our representative business firms.

Very Respectfully,

STEVE W. SCOTTON.

DEL NORTE COUNTY.

GEOGRAPHICALLY, Del Norte County is to be found in the extreme northwest corner of the State of California. It has a seacoast length of approximately fifty miles, and a varying width of from 30 to 50 miles. Its territorial area of 1,546 square miles or 989,000 acres does not, of course, give it rank with most counties of the State in matter of size, but in respect to tax-yielding domain it lays claim to a comparative place with most of these larger counties. Del Norte is bounded on the north by Curry and Josephine counties, Oregon; on the east by Siskiyou county, California; on the south by Humboldt county, California, and on the west by



A FAMILIAR DAIRY SCENE IN DEL NORTE

the Pacific Ocean. It has two large inland waterways flowing into the sea within its boundaries, and a third that partially flows within the county, the two first of which, Klamath and Smith rivers, being navigable for some distance by diminutive or light-draught craft.

At a point on the coast where Crescent City, the county seat, is situated there exists the harbor through which the output of forest and farm finds its way to market. This harbor in its present unimproved state is not of a character to give it place with the best



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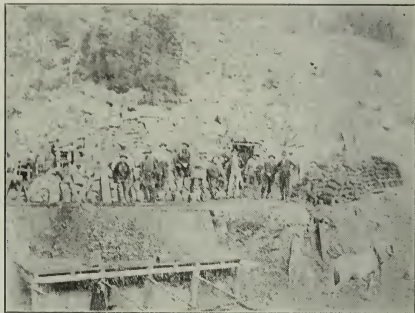
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on the coast, but we are confident of governmental aid that will eventually entitle it to that coveted distinction. The harbor is what is known as the open type, protected on but one side, the north, which makes of it a much better summer than winter port, but during all seasons of the year, except when southerly storms prevail, ships dock at the projecting wharf and discharge and load without any degree of difficulty. Competent engineers have reported that a sea-restraining wall could be built on the westward at no great outlay with the result of making Crescent City harbor a protected one the whole year round. As for depth of water there



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is ample at any stage of the tide for the smaller class of coastwise vessels. Right here it may be said that legislators and men of affairs freely prophecy that when capital sufficient to greater work our admitted resources is attracted there will be no longer delay by the Government in according us assistance, because business conditions will then better justify harbor improvement.

RAILROAD WILL COME.

Del Norte, like the other coast counties of Northern California

and Southern Oregon, has long felt the need of a railroad to open up the possibilities of its fertile interior and lend stimulus to those pursuits which could be successfully followed with a profitable market within reach. We refer to fruit raising and general farming. The back lying and logged off lands, as the valley and river bottom lands, are, with the admirable climate, most excellently adapted to fruit and grain production. Some fruit is now raised, notably apples, pears, plums and prunes, and their quality and flavor are of the highest order, but the business has rather scant attention because of the absence of market. The railroad is delayed, but its advent is certain. Each year brings augmented evidence that railroad builders are bent on laying their steel over the entire uncovered stretch of the Oregon-California coast, which field so invit-



SALMON CANNERY AT THE KLAMATH RIVER

ingly bids with its vast undeveloped territory, rich in timber and agricultural soil and free from the snows and lofty altitudes of the interior. It is a matter of record that, not only have surveys been established the whole distance, but rights of way have been secured and paid for over much of the belt. The railroad cannot fail to come with its consequent benefits to Del Norte and other coun-

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ties. Even as we write there is assuring report that certain invested interests contemplate the immediate construction of a steam road from Medford, in Southern Oregon, to the Del Norte coast to afford outlet through the Crescent City harbor for forest and mineral production. There is also the positive announcement that the Northwestern Pacific Railroad is to be extended at once from Willits, Mendocino county, to connect with Humboldt's existing railway, thus indicating that the road reaching north from San Francisco, coastwise, is slowly approaching us. So, verily, will the investor of today among us win unquestioned future profit.

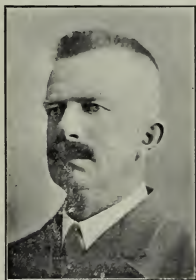


INDUSTRIES, ACREAGE AND OUTPUT.

The chief industries of Del Norte County are lumbering and dairying, though mining and salmon fishing are important factors in our business activities. The timber is practically all redwood, with some fir, spruce and other varieties, and, though the axe has been striking effectively for upwards of forty years, the inroads it has made upon our majestic and nigh limitless forests are as yet little noticeable. Standing on the waterfront of Crescent City one beholds stretching afar to the south and east a continuous chain of mountains whereon is clustered myriads of as stately redwoods (sequoias) as exist in the famed redwood belt of California, most of which awaits the coming of the iron horse to convey it as lumber to market. When these mighty trees are finally removed

the land upon which they stand, or most of it, will find use for growing orchards, or grazing herds, or prolific gardens. It is in a large part good useful soil, as has already been demonstrated with some denuded tracts not even shorn of their stumps.

While it is true that the Forest Reserve Act has removed much of the land of eastern Del Norte from public entry, it is nevertheless a fact that there is still, according to latest assessment figures, a total of 220,896 acres on the tax roll of the county. Of this about 180,000 acres represents stump and timber, the remaining 40,000 acres being farming and grazing land. The acreage of patented timber land in holdings of not less than 1,000 acres was computed



HON. JOHN L. CHILDS

Judge of the Superior Court of Del Norte County

in early 1909 to be 89,956 acres; held by individuals in tracts of less than 1,000 acres, 36,919 acres. Most if not all of this timber will average from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 feet to the quarter section.

Hobbs, Wall & Co., the principal business firm of the county, and by whom the manufacture of lumber and shingles is extensively and exclusively carried on at the present, is one of the oldest, most substantial, and most widely known firms on the Pacific Coast, perhaps. They own and operate their own mills, camps, stores, steamers, and railroad of twelve miles extending from the

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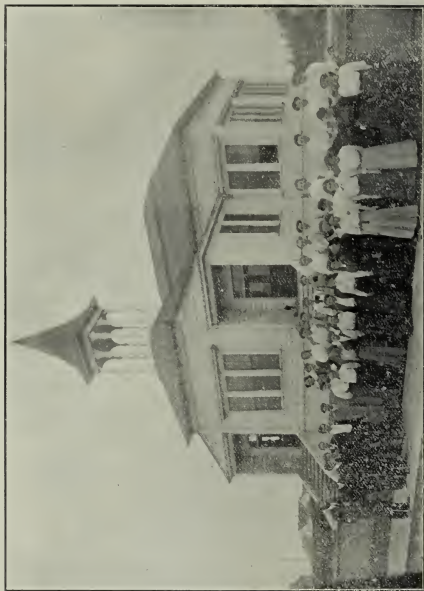
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camps on Smith River to the mills—one at Lake Earl, three miles from Crescent City; the other in the suburbs of Crescent City—and reaching on to a terminus with the harbor's projecting wharf. The company owns vast bodies of timber in Del Norte, but thus far has logged only that portion lying on and in the direction of Smith River, northeast. They employ upwards of 300 to 400 men when in full operation, as they are during most of the year. Three camps supply logs to the mills, trains running to and fro every few hours of the day. The mill at Lake Earl has a cutting capacity of about 40,000 feet to the ten hours' run. That at Crescent City, the larger and more modern mill, cuts more than 100,000 feet in ten hours. This output, together with that of the shingle department, is transported to San Francisco and San Pedro by the steam schooners Del Norte, Mandalay and Westport, each making a round trip in a week to ten days. The Del Norte and Mandalay both carry passengers, and on their return voyages bring freight and merchandise for the general public. Hobbs, Wall & Co. are to construct larger and more commodious quarters on newly acquired premises in Crescent City. Boarding houses are conducted at their camps and mills, the same being supplied from their large merchandising establishment, and the firm is properly termed the main business artery of the county.

Following are some of the exports from Del Norte during the year 1908: Lumber, 19,193,800 feet; butter, 270 tons; copper ore, 132 tons; hides, 40 tons; bacon and hams, 22 tons; live hogs, 5 tons; stock and beef cattle driven out, 4,250 head; cases of salmon, 5,750.

DAIRYING AND FISHING.

In the Elk Valley directly east of Crescent City, in the broadened areas of Smith River Valley and the country lying beyond as far as the Oregon line, as well as around Lake Earl and along the grassy bottoms of Klamath River are to be found the agricultural districts of Del Norte County. There are splendid farms, however, scattered in different localities, such as on Rowdy Creek and along the fringe of the turbulent Pacific, all of which show the fertility and productiveness of this extreme corner of California. And in all of these sections the existence of many fine homes is added evidence of their owners' thrift, not to mention the manifested pride in ideal home life.

Dairying, as the principal pursuit of these agriculturalists, has proven, as it has in other favored sections of the Pacific Coast, a most remunerative calling. It is now twenty years, or nearly, since our farmers conceived the advantage of transferring their verdent enclosures to the roam of the milking herds, and after such

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period there is no wish to return to ordinary ranching with a profitable outside market still in the distance. They can raise as good apples and potatoes and grain as any locality in the State, and do raise them to the extent of their own needs. But they can dairy throughout the greater part of the year, and their herds are sleek, well improved, and yield the richest of lacteal. The latter, for most part, is delivered to the creameries, of which there are five in the county, but some of the dairymen manufacture and sell their own butter, a part of which is shipped to Eureka from Klamath by small gasoline craft, and therefore gets listed with Humboldt's production. All use their surplus skim milk for fattening hogs and other stock. As an evidence of the productiveness of Del Norte soil we recite the fact that as much as 100 bushels of barley and 120 bushels of oats to the acre have been raised on much of it. It is even told us that much meadow land supports a cow to the acre the year round. All our improved farming lands are valued at from \$100 an acre upward, and some that is now centered in large holdings could, when subdivided and sold in small tracts to anxious users, be made to support several times the herds now upon them. There is abundant room for the expansion of the dairy business in Del Norte, as well as for cereal and horticultural farming.

An industry of much consequence to the county, as it brings in good returns and affords employment to many men during fall months, is that of salmon fishing. Klamath and Smith Rivers are bountiful producers of the red-fleshed finny ones, particularly the first-named stream, on whose banks there is a cannery to deal with the extensive fall catches. Klamath River salmon bring the top-notch in market, as their reputation for superiority is far famed. The cannery and business generally is owned conjointly by the R. D. Hume Estate and Mr. W. T. Bailey, the latter being superintendent thereof, which position he has held for a number of years. Klamath River is the second largest stream in the State, and much of it with its mouth is in Del Norte County. As it is a navigable river for lighter craft the company operates a gasoline boat between there and Humboldt Bay during favorable weather of the year for the transportation of cannery supplies and output, which latter is re-shipped at the bay to San Francisco. Much of the general supplies for Requa and adjacent settlements is brought by this boat, though a very great portion must necessarily be teamed in from Crescent City and Trinidad, the railway terminus on the south. The salmon pack of the Klamath River cannery this year will amount to nearly 6,500 cases, an unusually good season's work. The cannery is one of several buildings that form a bustling village

known as Requa. The settlement includes a postoffice with Mr. Bailey as postmaster; a general store owned by the Hammond Company of Humboldt; a hotel and feed stable conducted by H. F. Webster, who is newly in charge, and who will forthwith erect a more modern hotel building; a blacksmith shop (north of town); some dwellings, and two places for satisfying the unnatural thirst. Mr. Webster has also leased for a term from W. T. Bailey the public ferry at Klamath River, and to this, as to the hotel and stable, he will give the splendid attention to which he is trained by long experience as a caterer. Requa is 25 miles south of Crescent City, and reached by Frank Bosch's popular stage line.

There is no present cannery at Smith River, as the salmon caught there—chiefly a late run and a very large fish—are shipped



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to Eureka in their freshened state for cold storage treatment. The Messrs Kruger and Bauer, who operate the gasoliner "Lady Mine," and who bring some of the supplies for Smith River merchants, are purchasing the catch of that stream, as also the catch of Chetco River, Curry county, which is hauled down to Smith River by wagons. The run of salmon in these streams is considerable this year, but it is impossible to give figures on the shipments.

MINING, RAINFALL, ETC.

Another industry which is giving much promise in Del Norte County is mining. During past years much valuable ore has been sent out, via Crescent City, from finds on the upper tributaries of



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Smith River and contiguous country. At what is known as Monumental there is active work progressing on a gold property, and those concerned in its development are greatly encouraged. Copper mines showing a rich quality of ore exist in the Low Divide region, but it is the expense and difficulty of shipping out the ore that hampers development. Should the effort prove successful to interest big capital in such of these mines as are not already so owned and controlled, we may expect greater results both to the owners and the county itself in future years. The Klamath River, which has yielded so much gold from its bottoms and banks in the past half century, is to be dredged for the precious metal a few miles from its mouth, parties who have determined upon the plan having received a Keystone machine via Crescent City in September of this year. Unquestionably, as research demonstrates, there is a rich mineral treasure concealed in many of the mountains and stream beds of our interior county, where it bides the pleasure of time and capital to uncover it to shower lavish reward upon those concerned with a consequent enhancement of Del Norte's existing prosperity. Already, even, we find active our mining industry, as a view shown elsewhere in the pamphlet considerably attests.

With respect to rainfall, there is no region more abundantly favored, and without superfluity either. The word irrigation is meaningless when applied to Del Norte County, and yet we have our warm dry season and often weeks of delightful weather, interspersed with moderate showers, during winter months. The atmosphere, of course, grows warmer and less freighted with ocean winds as one moves from the coast, but our temperature averages 50 degrees the year round, being the most even of any place in the United States except Eureka and San Francisco. Storms and gales with their torrents of rain are occasionally visited upon us in the season to expect them, but the blizzard and tornado that are so destructive to many parts of the East and South never afflict us. The average year's rainfall, as stated by Mr. J. H. Jeffrey, keeper of the Crescent City light station, who officially records such matters, is about 70 inches, but in Crescent City proper and along the foothills and the centers of the county the precipitation, by reason of atmospheric conditions, is some greater. Mr. Jeffrey reports 56.27 inches of rain during 1908 and 86.38 inches for 1907. There was 71.30 inches during 1908, according to D. S. Sartwell's record.

Del Norte County is a very healthy section of the Pacific Coast, as its past fully proves. The death rate is as low as that of any other county, if indeed not lower, which speaks most emphatically for our climatic and sanitary conditions. We have only four physicians in the county, and they corroborate this statement while ad-

ding that the graver forms of contagion have never to their knowledge afflicted us. The two undertaking establishments, both located in Crescent City, which are operated in conjunction with other lines, find their business wholly confined to such cases as arise from the natural run of events and now and then an accidental death. Further proof of this prevailing healthfulness, for which we are so devoutly thankful, is found in the fact that but one regular drug store, fully stocked, has a place within the confines of Del Norte. What other county of similar population can offer support to warrant but one drug store? Not only of healthfulness, but



BATHING ON CRESCENT CITY BEACH, CHRISTMAS DAY.

of a good degree of law respect we proudly boast, for murder and other crime are of uncommon commission and the jail furnishes meagre excuse for its inglorious but indispensable existence.

VALUATIONS AND COUNTY PROPERTY.

Del Norte County, which has a population of about 4,000 souls with some 900 voters, has an assessed valuation for the year 1909 of \$3,956,785, or almost \$4,000,000. This assessment is based on an estimated actual valuation of \$10,000,000. The values in some of their segregation are as follows: Real estate other than city and



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town lots, \$3,369,029; improvements on same, \$95,520; city and town lots, \$80,560; improvements on same, \$138,710; value of all property outside of incorporated Crescent City, \$3,615,312; of that within the said incorporation, \$341,473. The tax rate, as fixed by the Board of Supervisors for the current year, is \$1.65 on the \$100 of valuation outside of Crescent City and \$1.25 within that municipality. The tax is one of the lowest imposed by any county in the State, and is a material reduction from that prevailing in former years, but during the last decade it has never exceeded \$2 on the \$100 except in 1903 and '04 when \$2.30 was levied because of the purchase of a toll road and the construction of some necessary bridges. Del Norte has now only free roads and bridges, among the latter being a splendid steel structure spanning the treacherous waters of Smith River. In 1905 a fund was started for the building of this bridge, and the tax rate accordingly became high, but in '08 the fund was completed, the extra tax extinguished, and the bridge became a joyful reality. The county faces no bonded indebted-



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edness, and will meet every obligation on a simple exaction of \$1.65 on the \$100. There is no present indication that the rate need be higher in the future, notwithstanding that the Board of Supervisors most wisely have resolved upon a permanent road improvement policy, this affecting all the highways in the county, which even now are in average good condition. To aid this policy 40 cents is placed in the budget for road purposes instead of 35 cents as heretofore.

Since 1902 the assessed valuation of Del Norte has increased by \$500,000 with about 50,000 added acres of assessable land. The county owns a well managed hospital and farm for the care of its unfortunates, valued at \$6,000. This, with the court house, block and its improvements, valued at \$12,000; a high school building, half block and improvements, at \$3,500; bridges, at \$70,000, and office fixtures, library, implements, etc., at \$5,000, makes a total of \$96,500 worth of county property. Timber land in Del Norte is assessed at from \$10 to \$40 per acre, but there are one or two instances affecting choicer holdings where the figures were



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placed by the Assessor at \$65 and \$70 per acre. Farming land is rated at a varying but moderate valuation.

SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, COUNTY OFFICERS.

Del Norte, as other sections of our glorious country, has its free public schools and places of worship. Besides the common schools that are distributed over sixteen districts the county possesses a high school located in Crescent City and presided over by a corps of efficient teachers. Prof. L. S. Pratt, an educator of experience, holds the principalship thereof, and all the studies commonly embraced in a high school course are taught thoroughly. A photo of the very creditable building, its pupils and well kept premises appears elsewhere in the booklet. The grammar schools of Crescent City employ a corps of four teachers including the principal, Prof. J. M. Hamilton, and they are an eminent credit to any community of this size. The scholars are comfortably housed, the spacious and attractive looking structure being located in the city's center and on an entire block of ground. At the present writing there are approximately 650 children enrolled in the common schools of the county, of which number about 270 are included within Crescent City district. The number enrolled in the high school is 58. The latter institution, it is well to remark, was the first to be created in the State after the High School Act passed the Legislature and was formally approved, which is some evidence of how better education affects the temper of our people. The entire sixteen common schools of the county are scattered to afford educational advantage to every child, and the teachers are capable, the school houses suitable and substantial structures. Only one of the districts is paying interest on a bonded indebtedness, and that is well nigh extinguished, additional proof that Del Norters prefer paying as they go, and postponing their luxurious needs until a more propitious period in their prosperity.

The county supports four active churches and several Sunday Schools to direct the religious training of its adult and younger folk. Three of these churches are in Crescent City, they being the Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic, denominationally, while the fourth, a Methodist, is located at Smith River. There is also at Smith River a Seventh Day Adventist church building with several adherents of that faith, but no regular services are now held. In all the other churches there are regular services throughout the year, and the membership in each is quite large. Each church building is a very pretty structure, well furnished and painted, especially that of the Catholic denomination which was finished only a few months ago and dedicated with imposing ceremonies. It is certainly one of the finest church edifices of the Roman Catholic

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faith to be found in any outlying community. Its manner of finish and interior furnishing is exquisitely beautiful and appropriate, the mammoth walls being in striking contrast and lending a shadowed obscurity to the smaller and less pretentious structure formerly in use. Rev. Father M. McNaboe, the resident priest, is justly proud of his new edifice, as are also his large parish and the community generally. The Presbyterian Church has just called to its pastorate in Crescent City an able divine from Seattle in the person of Rev. Mr. Thomas. The newly assigned pastor of the Methodist Church is Rev. Mr. Stanley, another able divine. Smith River's pulpit will be filled the coming year by Rev. Mr. Clark.

Del Norte has a competent and obliging set of county officials whose terms of office, with the exception of three hold-over Super-



GASQUET SUMMER RESORT

visors, expire in January, 1911. The affairs of our county government are efficiently and economically administered by the following persons filling subjoined positions: Clerk, Wm. I. Murphy; Sheriff, A. J. Huffman; Tax Collector, W. T. Breen (appointed to fill unexpired term of Frank Crusius, deceased); Auditor and Recorder, N. G. McVay; Treasurer, D. W. Rice; District Attorney, Geo. W. Howe; Assessor, W. F. Malone; Coroner and Public Adminis-

trator, Dr. G. J. Brown; Surveyor, R. L. Cooper; Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. A. M. Laduron; County Physician, Dr. E. M. Fine; Janitor of Court House, James Benson. Board of Supervisors.—First District, H. J. Frantz; Second, E. E. Commerford (chairman); Third, F. V. Vincent; Fourth, West Duley; Fifth, Andy Hamilton. Justices of the Peace.—Crescent Township, J. O'Connor; Smith River, Jas. Brooking; Klamath, J. H. Laam. Hon. John L. Childs is serving his second term as Superior Judge, drawing his salary half from the State and half from the County. Del Norte is in the First Congressional District of the State which is represented by Hon. W. F. Englebright. Its representative in the State Senate is Hon. C. P. Cutten; in the Assembly, Kenneth C. Gillis.

SCENERY, BATHING, ETC.

This corner of the great Golden State abounds with delightful scenery incident to its rugged coast, billowy seashore, and interior valleys and mountains. Scores of vacationists from the cities and other populous centers avail themselves annually of the pleasures afforded by Del Norte County, many of them coming by automobile over our lofty and view-inspiring highways; others using ordinary conveyance to reach and camp in our cooling salubrious atmospheres. Crescent City beach for a stretch of five miles to the southward is one of the finest beaches in the world for bathing, automobiling and driving, being as hard as pavement and seldom kissed on its outward fringe by too turbulent waters. To the north of the city is a rugged and rocky coast, but which offers such attractions as Lovers' Rock, Woody Island, and the much famed Pebble Beach. Another point of attraction is Whale Island, a great mass of rocky soil embracing several acres that rises from the Pacific about a half-mile from our crescent-shaped coast on the southward. This island forms the westerly end of a submerged reef, its seaward slopes dropping abruptly into navigable water, and not many years ago the Takilma Smelting Co. of Waldo, Ore., planned to make of it a landing and terminus for a projected railway from the mines. No doubt it will yet become a shipping site for some lumbering or copper mining company. The places and objects of interest we possess are too many for extended mention. However, we must advert to our forests of redwood, whose mighty trees, so defiant by their nature of destructive fires, form a picture so captivating to the familiar eye, but so incredibly and scornfully rejected by the average Easterner. The tourist finds abundant pleasure in a stay at one of our hotels, or one of our up-country farms or taverns, or down on the Klamath, or at the beautiful Gasquet Resort some 18 miles northeast of Crescent City. If he chooses to hazard

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the waves in a small boat as a temporary diversion he can feast his vision upon a great work of the Government at sea for the safeguarding of shipping during fogs and nocturnal hours. This is the light station and fog signal designated officially as Northwest Seal Rock Light, the under-rest of which is a lonely diminutive isle situated seven miles directly off the coast and thirteen miles from Crescent City. Here Captain John Olsen, who has been keeper of the station since its construction, and his four assistants are virtual prisoners the year round, as they can barely step out of doors, and in periods of tempest even this small privilege is not their portion. During moderate weather, however, when it is possible to do so, they are permitted to visit shore by turn and get the inspiration lent by a view of fellow man, of the world's daily events, and of land's beauteous fields and foliage. Seal Rock light house is one of the greatest works of construction of that character ever performed by the Government. Its cost was approximately \$750,000, and it was four years in building, as work could only be prosecuted in fair weather. It was formally completed to shed brilliancy upon its noble mission in 1891. The rock for the tower (a structure so powerful as to defy wind and wave), had to be quarried and transported in barges to the rocky island whose circumference above the sea is but 40,000 square feet. Of this trifling area the base of the tower covers 6,000 square feet which is the enclosure within which men must work and exist and have all that is necessary to their labor. Government ships come occasionally, but there are times when they cannot deliver supplies, then to the chagrin of the coterie so isolated from civilization's sphere, and so eager to commune or to replenish the down-run larder. Twenty fathoms of water exist on the eastern side of Seal Rock; on the western side there is a sheer drop into indeterminable depth.

Returning to the streams and mountains of interior Del Norte the pleasure-seeker will find as good fishing and hunting as exists in any county on the coast.

LAKE EARL.

A short distance to the north of Crescent City, and in close contact with the coast, is a body of water known as Lake Earl. Its waters are fresh, being fed from several creeks and in winter from Smith River, and in most places it is of rather shallow depth. Its dimension varies from three by six miles in summer to about three by ten miles in the rainy season. This lake serves a small purpose of usefulness confined to boating, log rafting, and the convenient watering of higher lands, but to the majority of adjacent ranch owners it is an injury and encroaching menace. Consequently a well defined move was started to have it drained off as much as

was practicable, in which event its rich soil bottoms would become useful acreage, to the corresponding enhancement of Del Norte's taxable wealth and the effectual stoppage of sand deposits on surrounding low lands. It was figured that the practicable draining of the lake would add 4,000 or more acres to our dairying territory, and the request seemed general that a canal connecting the ocean be dug as the better mode of procedure. The Legislature was importuned, and it ordered a survey made, but beyond that did nothing of material aid to the project. Hence the matter is slumbering, but may yet reach a successful issue, by private capital if not by Legislative assistance. Engineers who have investigated the matter are of the opinion that a canal connecting the lake with lower Smith River would produce much better results than an attempted outlet through the sand-hills, while at the same time vastly improving Smith River as a navigable stream for light ocean craft.

COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION.

Del Norte County is connected by telephone with Grants Pass, Oregon, from which point there are wires north and south. From Crescent City there is also a telephone extending to Smith River, where transfer can be had to a line reaching up the coast to Gold Beach and Coos County, Oregon. Just now a new line is being built that will connect Crescent City with Requa, 25 miles southward, and it is promised that Humboldt parties will extend it on to Trinidad, thus giving us a through wire service down the coast to the California metropolis. Crescent City has a daily mail to and from Grants Pass, Oregon, the nearest point on the Southern Pacific Railway; a thrice-a-week mail to and from Eureka, Humboldt County; and a mail six times a week with Smith River, connecting with points up the coast. A Wells-Fargo Express service is also had with the outside, and an efficient county telephone exchange.

Transportation to and from Del Norte County is obtained by steamer or stage, the fares and distances as affecting important transient points being as follows: From San Francisco by steamer, every week, 280 miles, 36-hour trip, first-class fare \$10.00; from Grants Pass on the Southern Pacific, daily by stage, 95 miles, 24 hours from May to November, 36 hours other months, fare \$10.00; from Eureka by railroad to Trinidad, thence stage, 102 miles, three times a week, two-day trip with lay-over, fare on rail and stage \$3.25, meals and lodging added; from Gold Beach, Curry Co., three times a week by stage, two-day trip, 72 miles, fare \$6.00. All the streams in Del Norte crossed by highways are bridged with the exception of Klamath River, where a ferry is maintained. Good county highways lead south to the Humboldt line, north to Curry's boundary, and northeast to Josephine County, Oregon.

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MR. DULEY is one of the popular long-time residents of Del Norte County, having been identified with the county's growth and history since the early '80's. Being a worker, a believer in progress, and long ago convinced of Del Norte's flourishing future, he set about clearing a home, and from the stumps and undergrowth of the section he chose has risen the hamlet of Newberg. This is located 10 miles north of Crescent City on the Smith River wagon road. The village embraces a tavern, lodge hall, feed stable, dancing pavilion, saloon and billiard rooms, all owned in their entirety by Mr. Duley and connected with his gardens and grass lands. The hospitality of Newberg is widely and favorably known. Mr. Duley also owns the Del Norte Hotel property in Crescent City, and is a member of the Board of Supervisors from the Fourth Supervisorial District.

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Smith River, the second town of consequence, is a thrifty and very pretty settlement that nestles in the eastern extremity of that beautiful and most fertile of valleys. The town is 14 miles north of Crescent City. Its people are progressive; its merchants wide-awake and enterprising. Smith River Valley has no useless land, and yet it is about 8 miles in length and 6 miles broad at its widest.

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THE publisher regrets that an unforeseen accident by which a half-tone "cut" was destroyed makes it impossible to present a likeness of Mr.

D. W. Rice, the worthy County Treasurer of Del Norte, as was our intention of doing. However, it is not impossible to print a brief biography and do justice in a measure to him who has the distinction of having longest served the people of this county in a particular office. Mr. Rice is the proud possessor of an official career that covers seventeen consecutive years, during all which time he has handled the public cash in a most satisfactory manner and without a single discrepancy worth mentioning. That his record is an honorable one must be obvious in the face of his successive election, oftentimes without anyone venturing to oppose him as a candidate. He was first chosen to the position of County Treasurer in 1892, being now in his seventh term of office. His majorities, too, have always been of formidable proportions.

Mr. Rice is a native of Massachusetts, but has been a resident of Del Norte County since 1877. For a few years after his arrival he worked in local sawmills, but about twenty years ago accepted a position in the mercantile establishment of Hobbs, Wall & Co., which position, like that of the Treasurership, he retains because of his efficiency. The gentleman has an estimable family consisting of a wife, one son and three daughters. He will no doubt continue for longer period as the "Watchdog of the Del Norte Treasury" unless some agency other than the people should differently determine.



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